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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (TEXT)

E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: INDOCHINESE REFUGEES RESETTLED IN TAIWAN

REF: A. STATE 36782 (NOTAL), B. TAIPEI 0645 (NOTAL) C. TAIPEI 0259
(NOTAL) D. STATE 022656

1. ON FEBRUARY 13 EMBASSY RECEIVED GROC NOTE DATED FEB-
RUARY 10, BEING REPLY TO EMBASSY'S NOTE OF JANUARY 12
(TAIPEI 0259) ON SEVERAL SPECIFIC INDOCHINESE REFUGEE
QUESTIONS. (THIS GROC REPLY REACHED US SAME DAY AS
REPORT (STATE 036782) OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY HOLBROOKE'S DIS-
CUSSION WITH ROC AMBASSADOR SHEN; IT ARRIVE WELL AFTER
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AMBASSADOR UNGER'S JANUARY 30 DEMARCHE BUT DOES NOT REFER OR
RESPOND TO THAT APPROACH PRESUMABLY BECAUSE AMBASSADOR
DEALT WITH BROADER SUBJECT WHICH WILL BE ADDRESSED SUB-
SEQUENTLY BY GROC.) EMBASSY RECOMMENDATIONS FOR
FURTHER ACTION THIS SUBJECT WILL BE SUBMITTED ONCE IRC
VISIT COMPLETED.

2. FULL TEXT OF BODY OF NOTE BELOWS:

"THE MINISTRY IS PLEASED TO PROVIDE THE EMBASSY WITH INFORMATION ON THE FOUR MATTERS MENTIONED IN THE SAID NOTE AS FOLLOWS:

"I. A TOTAL OF FIVE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY INDOCHINESE REFUGEES, INCLUDING THOSE OF CHINESE ORIGIN, HAVE BEEN RESETTLED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA IN THE PROVINCE OF TAIWAN SINCE APRIL 1975. THESE REFUGEES FALL INTO THE FOLLOWING BROAD CATEGORIES:

"1. WHEN SOUTH VIETNAM WAS OVERRUN BY NORTH VIETNAM, THREE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND THIRTY REFUGEES WERE REPATRIATED FROM INDOCHINA TO TAIWAN; AMONG THEM:

"A. ONE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED THIRTY ONE WERE RESCUED BY CHINESE AIR FORCE AND SHIPS;

"B. TWO HUNDRED AND THIRTEEN WERE PICKED UP AT SEA;

"C. TWO HUNDRED AND FORTY-THREE CAME FROM THIRD COUNTRIES SUCH AS THAILAND AND KOREA; AND

"D. TWO THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED AND FORTY-THREE CAME INDIVIDUALLY FROM VIETNAM, CAMBODIA AND LAOS.

"2. THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT IS RENDERING FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO, AND LOOKING AFTER THE WELFARE OF, ONE THOUSAND AND SIXTY-SEVEN VIETNAMESE STUDENTS AT PRESENT IN TAIWAN.

"3. THROUGH THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF RED CROSS, THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT HAS RESCUED EIGHT HUNDRED AND NINETY REFUGEES FROM VIETNAM.

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"4. THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA HAS GIVEN TEMPORARY SHELTER TO EIGHTY-THREE BOAT CASES REFUGEES, OF WHOM ELEVEN ARE OF CHINESE ORIGIN AND HAVE BEEN RESETTLED IN TAIWAN. TWENTY OF THEM LEFT FOR THE UNITED STATES THROUGH THE ARRANGEMENT OF THE EMBASSY. THE REST ALSO HOPE TO RESETTLE IN THE UNITED STATES.

"II. THE MINISTRY WISHES TO GIVE THE EMBASSY THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION AS PROVIDED BY THE AUTHORITIES CONCERNED, CONCERNING THE CASE OF THIRTY-ONE REFUGEES.

"ON AUGUST 26, 1977, A CHINESE TRAWLER RESCUED AT SEA THIRTY-ONE VIETNAMESE REFUGEES WHOSE BOAT DEVELOPED ENGINE TROUBLES. THESE REFUGEES WERE HEADING FOR THE PHILIPPINES WITH A VIEW TO SETTLE EVENTUALLY IN THE UNITED STATES. THEY WERE BROUGHT TO TAIWAN ON SEPTEMBER 2, 1977 AND DURING THEIR STAY HERE RECEIVED PROPER CARE. SINCE THEY WERE EAGER TO CONTINUE THEIR JOURNEY, THEY WERE PROVIDED WITH A BOAT AND NECESSARY PROVISIONS AND LEFT TAIWAN ON SEPTEMBER 18, 1977.

"III. AS TO THE SIX FAMILIES MENTIONED IN THE EMBASSY'S NOTE, THEIR RCASES HAVE BEEN REFERRED TO THE COMPETENT AUTHORITIES FOR CONSIDERATION. IN THIS CONNECTION, THE MINISTRY WISHES TO STATE THAT ALL OVERSEAS CHINESE, INCLUDING CHINESE REFUGEES, ARE FREE TO APPLY FOR ENTRY PERMITS TO COME TO TAIWAN AT ALL

CHINESE DIPLOMATIC OR CONSULAR MISSIONS OR DESIGNATED OFFICES
ABROAD. IN THE CASE OF THAILAND, THE OFFICE AND ADDRESS IS:
OFFICE OF REPRESENTATIVE, CHINA AIRLINES LTD.,
10TH FL., 140 WIT THAYA ROAD. BANGKOK.

"AS THE EMBASSY IS WELL AWARE, THE LAND AREA AND NATURAL
RESOURCES OF THE ISLAND OF TAIWAN ARE LIMITED. UNRESTRICTED
ADMISSION OF LARGE AMOUNT OF REFUGEES WILL POSE A SERIOUS
PROBLEM TO THE ECONOMIC AS WELL AS THE SECURITY OF THE COUNTRY.
FOR THIS REASON, IT IS THE POLICY OF THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT THAT
ALL CHINESE REFUGEES FROM COMMUNIST COUNTRIES WHO WISH TO COME
TO TAIWAN ARE LIMITED TO THOSSWMHA LIVED IN A NON-
COMMUNIST COUNTRY FOR AT LEAST FIVE YEJS. THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE REPUBLIC OFCPK IS NOT UNMINDFUL OF THE PLIGHT OF REFUGEES
IN VIEWMF THINHHE FREE CHINA RELIEF ASSOCIATION WAS
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SPECIFICALLY ESTABLISHED IN 1950. SINCE THEN IT HAS ASSISTED
IN THE RESETTLEMENT IN TAIWAN OF 163,302 OF REFUGEES FROM THE
CHINESE MAINLAND.

"IV. IT IS TO BE RECALLED THAT THE DIRECTOR OF THE
CONSULAR AFFAIRS OF THE MINISTRY INFORMED THE COUNSELOR FOR
CONSULAR AFFAIRS OF THE EMBASSY DURING THE LATTER'S CALL ON
HIM AT HIS OFFICE ON JANUARY 13, 1978, OF THE FACT THAT A
CHINESE TRAWLER HAD PICKED UP TWENTY VIETNAMESE REFUGEES FROM
A SINKING BOAT AT SEA NEAR THE PRATAS ISLANDS ON
DECEMBER 17, 1977. AT PRESENT THESE REFUGEES ARE BEING TAKEN
CARE OF AT TEMPORARY QUARTERS AT HSINTIEN. AS THESE REFUGEES
ARE ALL VIETNAMESE AND HAVE EXPRESSED THEIR WISHES TO GO TO
THE UNITED STATES, THE DIRECTOR OF THE CONSULAR AFFAIRS HAS
REQUESTED THE ASSISTANCE OF THE EMBASSY FOR THEIR EARLY
DEPARTURE TO THE UNITED STATES.

"THE MINISTRY WILL BE PLEASED TO INFORM THE EMBASSY OF
ANY PRESENCE OF LANDING OF ANY INDOCHINESE REFUGEES IN THE
REPUBLIC OF CHINA IN THE FUTURE."
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